

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary days on all their stations before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This decision is not in the interest of the public or in the interest of democracy.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get too much of what's good for the bottom line and too little of what's required by citizens of a democracy. We need substantive news stories about issues that matter in our own communities, and balanced responsible reporting on important national issues. Broadcasting companies with a political agenda do not serve the public interest & should not be allowed to continue using the public airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.